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SUBJECT: SOYBEAN ESTIMATE OF PRODUCTION

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1. THE LAST OFFICIAL USDA SOYBEAN ESTIMATE OF PRODUCTION (AS OF AUGUST 1) WAS DOWN FROM THE PREVIOUS ESTIMATE; HOWEVER, ESTIMATED PRODUCTION PLUS CARRYOVER IS ONLY SLIGHTLY BELOW LAST YEAR'S TOTAL SUPPLY. USDA SEES NO PROBLEM IN MEETING SALES COMMITMENTS FROM THIS YEAR'S CROP. WEATHER CONDITIONS HAVE IMPROVED IN SOYBEAN PRODUCING AREA SINCE THE AUGUST 1 ESTIMATE. USDA EXPECTS A HIGHER ESTIMATE IN THE SEPTEMBER CROP PRODUCTION FORECAST.

2. IN ADDITION, THE WORLD PROTEIN AVAILABILITIES SHOW AN IMPROVEMENT OVER LAST YEAR. BRAZIL'S PRODUCTION WAS SUBSTANTIALLY ABOVE THE PREVIOUS YEAR AND WE ANTICIPATE ANOTHER INCREASE OF 1.2 MILLION METRIC TONS, TOTALING ABOUT

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8 MILLION IN 1975 AVAILABLE FROM MAY ONWARD. DURING THE

JAN-JUNE 74 PERIOD THE PERUVIAN FISHMEAL OUTPUT HAS IMPROVED SIGNIFICANTLY AND FURTHER RECOVERY IS EXPECTED IN 1975. IN ADDITION, LARGER EXPORTS OF PEANUTS ARE EXPECTED FROM AFRICA. ACCORDINGLY, USDA SEES NO PROTEIN SHORTAGE FOR THE NEXT YEAR WHICH WOULD INCREASE DEMAND FOR US SOYBEANS.

3. FYI-AT YOUR DISCRETION, SHOULD THE SUBJECT ARISE, THE PRC CAN BE ASSURED THAT IN VIEW OF PRODUCTION ASSESSMENT (CONTAINED PARAS ONE AND TWO ABOVE) THE ADMINISTRATION IS NOT CONSIDERING EXPORT CONTROLS; WE WOULD HOPE THAT MARQUOT WOULD NOT/NOT GIVE CEROILFOOD A CONTRARY IMPRESSION. END FYI. YOU MAY PASS TO MARQUOT PARA ONE AND TWO ASSESSMENT AND ADD THAT IN VIEW OF THESE ESTIMATES, EXPORT CONTROLS WILL NOT BE NECESSARY. KISSINGER

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